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INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS CONCERNING "TEKHNIK" AND HIS CONTACTS:
"KLOD", BITI, THE COMPETITORS, THE BOSS
(1947)

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

Nos.: 7-8 ✓

9th January 1947

[2-part message complete]

[Part I] In reply to your No.2[a].

[9 groups unrecovered] information about "TEKHNIK"[i][b] was not available to us when he was, in fact, meeting "KLOD"[ii], but when the former (

[19 groups unrecovered]

T.'s[iii] liaison with K.[iv] and

[20 groups unrecovered].

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To this, in particular, [4 groups unrecovered] note, [1 group unrecovered] and conversation which are evidence

[48 groups unrecovered]

, we know nothing about this. We confirm once again our [B% categorical refusal] to [4 groups unrecovered] work and the meeting with K. [4 group unrecovered] [D% BITI(v) through] [5 groups unrecovered] necessary in order to avoid being tailed

[36 groups unrecoverable]

form; is he not aware of any signs that he is being developed [RAZHBABOTKA] for example by those around him at work, people in neighbouring flats, etc.?

Find out from him precisely where he usually met K. and received or handed over material being obtained from or returned to the latter. Conduct the conversation with T. in such a way as not to arouse feelings of panic in him. Calm him down and once again give him instructions as to how he should behave at work, in dealing with your boss [KHOCZYAN], etc. Tell him to look carefully through all his notebooks etc. and, without attracting the attention of those around him, to burn anything that might compromise him in any way (such as records of dates and of locations of meetings with K., jottings on the subject of their conversations, surnames of persons named by "KLOD", etc.).

[Part II]

Warn T. that it is essential to observe special care at work and in legal meetings and conversations conducted under the "ROOF [KRYSHA]" [vi], as I do not rule out the possibility that the COMPETITORS [KONKURENTY] [vii] may try to plant someone on him in order to develop him, such as one of his journalist acquaintances or someone of the kind. Come to an agreement with T. about

[19 groups unrecoverable]

by telephone to one of the officials of your ROOF, i.e. one of our probationers [STAZHERY], or through [B% your] wives or someone of the kind. Carefully work out with him the arrangements whereby he can summon you to an urgent meeting or you can summon him; arrange in advance the locations for such meetings, signals in case of danger, etc.. Let us know by telegraph where you propose holding the next meeting to carry out the tasks specified.

2. It is quite possible that we may be called upon to check whether K. really offered us the above-mentioned note and why he did this through BITI. Drawing on your knowledge of local conditions and circumstances, try to think out how this could have been done and inform us. What

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particularly interests us is the following question: has not K. been passing [such material][c] at some of the official receptions in our [B% establishments]? Do not take any specific action in this connection without first obtaining our agreement.

3. As regards the Ministry of Foreign Affairs[MID], instructions are being sent to your boss not to meet BITI any more, not to accept any notes from her and, in all matters connected with this case, to consult you first. All conversations with the boss on these subjects must be held only in conditions which completely eliminate any possibility of being overheard. In particular, come to an agreement with him - after he has received the instructions - to the effect that no conversations with T. [B% about] [6 groups unrecoverable]

[11 groups unrecovered]

person with "solid conspiratorial[d]

[20 groups unrecoverable]

No. 167 ✓
8th January

IVANOV[viii]

Notes: [a] Not available.
[b] Or "TEKHNİK's information".
[c] Inserted by the translator.
[d] There is some technical evidence that the succeeding word is "experience".

Comments: [i] TEKHNİK: ✓ i.e. "TECHNICIAN"; Fedor Andreevich NOSOV, TASS correspondent in SYDNEY.
[ii] KLOD: ✓ i.e. "CLAUDE"; Walter Seddon CLAYTON.
[iii] T. i.e. "TEKHNİK": see Comment [i].
[iv] K. i.e. "KLOD": see Comment [ii].
[v] BITI: ✓ Not traced. Presumably the transliteration of a surname (BEATTY/BEATTIE/BEETY) or possibly the diminutive form of "Betrice".
[vi] ROOF: ✓ Legal cover for illegal activities.
[vii] COMPETITORS: ✓ Members of a non-Soviet intelligence organisation.
[viii] IVANOV: ✓ Lt. Gen. Petr Vasil'evich FEDOTOV.